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FREE and ANONYMOUS Medication Collection in Moultonborough on September 27th

It's time to do some spring cleaning of your medicine cabinet! If you have unused or expired medication in your home, you will be able to safely dispose of them at the Moultonborough Police Department on Saturday, April 26th. This service is made possible through collaboration between the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Moultonborough Police Department. The following guidelines apply:

- Medication collection will take place from **10am – 2pm on Saturday, September 27th**
- Collection location is the Moultonborough Police Dept, 1035 Whittier Highway in Moultonborough.
- **ONLY** pharmaceutical drugs will be collected (prescription or over-the-counter medications).
- **NO** needles, syringes, or lancets will be collected. If you need to dispose of these items, please contact your local town office for disposal instructions.
- This voluntary collection/disposal process is **FREE** and **ANONYMOUS**.

This Medication Collection Day addresses the vital public health and safety issue of prescription drug misuse/abuse. By providing a safe and secure location for community members to dispose of unused or unwanted medications, the opportunity for these medications to fall into the wrong hands is greatly diminished. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 70% of those who abuse prescription medications get them from family or friends, often from the medicine cabinet.

Flushing medication is **NO LONGER** recommended as this can lead to groundwater contamination!

Any questions regarding the Medication Collection Day can be directed to Detective Stephen Kessler at the Moultonborough Police Department at 476-2400.

The Moultonborough Police Department also has a collection container at the Moultonborough Public Safety building that is available to the public 7-days a week.



For more information on safe and secure storage of medications, and for tips on how to talk to your family about prescription drug abuse, please visit the Partners in Prevention (PIP) website: www.lrp-ph.org or call 528-2145 ext 1800.